

A I N S T I N C I T Y C O U N C I L

AGENDA



Thursday, August 31, 2006

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Public Works
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

ITEM No. 18

Subject: Approve an ordinance amending Section 12-4-24 of the City Code to establish a maximum speed limit of 25 miles per hour on residential streets within the area bounded by South 1st Street, Congress Avenue, Stassney Lane, and William Cannon Drive.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$6000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Operating Budget of the Public Works Department for installation of necessary signs.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

**Additional Backup
Material**

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Ordinance

For More Information: Richard Kroger, 974-7219, Thomas Kennerly, 974-7246, Laura Bohl, 974-7064.

In 2005, the Legislature amended the Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 to allow a city to set a speed limit lower than 30 miles per hour, but not less than 25 miles per hour, on a highway if:

- the highway is not an officially designated or marked highway or road in the state highway system;
- the highway is 35 feet or less in width;
- vehicular parking is not prohibited on one or both sides of the street;
- and •the highway has less than four lanes used for vehicular travel.

Texas Transportation Code Section 545.356 allows that the City Council may lower the speed limit along the residential streets in the area bounded by South 1st Street, Congress Avenue, Stassney Lane, and William Cannon Drive to 25 miles per hour. Most of the streets within the area are eligible under state law for a 25-mile per hour speed limit. The exceptions are Sunstrip Drive from William Cannon Drive to Eberhart Lane, Merriwood Drive from Eberhart Lane to Flournoy Drive, Eberhart Lane from South 1st Street to Congress Avenue, Starstreak Drive from William Cannon Drive to Eberhart Lane, and Flournoy Drive from South 1st Street to end of Flournoy Drive, because these streets are wider than 35 feet. They are not included in the recommended Code changes.

Staff recommends that Section 12-4-24 be amended to add the following streets to the list of streets with a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour.

Ainsworth Street from Glen Meadow Drive to Congress Avenue. Bluesky Way from Starbright Drive to Skyloop Drive. Blueberry Hill from S1st Street to Merriwood Drive. Blythewood Drive from Flournoy Drive to Bramble Drive. Bradsher Drive from Eberhart Lane to end of Bradsher Drive. Bramble Drive from S 1st Street to Glen Meadow Drive. Breezewood Drive from Flournoy Drive to Bramble Drive. Cedardale Drive from Flournoy Drive to Bramble Drive. Clearsky Circle from Sunstrip Drive to end of Clearsky Circle. Craigmont Drive from Merriwood Drive to end of Craigmont Drive. Garden Oaks Drive from Flournoy Drive to Bramble Drive. Glenhollow Path from Flournoy Drive to Bramble Drive. Glen Meadow Drive from Craigmont Drive to Flournoy Drive. Glen Meadow Drive from Flournoy Drive to 100 feet east of Bramble Drive. Idlewood Cove from Glen Meadow Drive (south intersection) to Glen Meadow Drive (north intersection). Sandra Street from Glen Meadow Drive to Congress Avenue. Shadow Bend from Blueberry

Hill to Eberhart Lane. Shadow Bend Cove from Shadow Bend to end of Shadow Bend Cove. Skycrest Drive from Starbright Drive to Skyloop Drive. Skyloop Drive from Sunstrip Drive to Starstreak Drive. South Meadows Boulevard from Eberhart Lane to Bradsher Drive. Starbright Drive from Sunstrip Drive to Starstreak Drive. Sunnysky Way from Starbright Drive to Skyloop Drive. Treys Way from Blythewood Drive to Merriwood Drive. Villa Oaks Circle from Bradsher Drive to end of Villa Oaks Circle. Waycross Drive from Craigmont Drive to Flournoy Drive.

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 12-4-24 OF THE CITY CODE TO ESTABLISH A MAXIMUM SPEED LIMIT OF 25 MILES PER HOUR WITHIN THE AREA BOUND BY SOUTH FIRST STREET, CONGRESS AVENUE, STASSNEY LANE, AND WILLIAM CANNON DRIVE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. Section 12-4-24 (*Maximum Speed of 25 Miles Per Hour*) of the City Code is amended to add the following streets:

Ainsworth Street from Glen Meadow Drive to Congress Avenue.

Bluesky Way from Starbright Drive to Skyloop Drive.

Blueberry Hill from South First Street to Merriwood Drive.

Blythewood Drive from Flournoy Drive to Bramble Drive.

Bradsher Drive from Eberhart Lane to end of Bradsher Drive.

Bramble Drive from South First Street to Glen Meadow Drive.

Breezewood Drive from Flournoy Drive to Bramble Drive.

Cedardale Drive from Flournoy Drive to Bramble Drive.

Clearsky Circle from Sunstrip Drive to end of Clearsky Circle.

Craigmont Drive from Merriwood Drive to end of Craigmont Drive.

Garden Oaks Drive from Flournoy Drive to Bramble Drive.

Glenhollow Path from Flournoy Drive to Bramble Drive.

Glen Meadow Drive from Craigmont Drive to Flournoy Drive.

Glen Meadow Drive from Flournoy Drive to 100 feet east of Bramble Drive.

1 Idlewood Cove from Glen Meadow Drive (south intersection) to Glen Meadow
2 Drive (north intersection).

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4 Sandra Street from Glen Meadow Drive to Congress Avenue.

5 Shadow Bend from Blueberry Hill to Eberhart Lane.

6 Shadow Bend Cove from Shadow Bend to end of Shadow Bend Cove.

7 Skycrest Drive from Starbright Drive to Skyloop Drive.

8 Skyloop Drive from Sunstrip Drive to Starstreak Drive.

9 South Meadows Boulevard from Eberhart Lane to Bradsher Drive.

10 Starbright Drive from Sunstrip Drive to Starstreak Drive.

11 Sunnysky Way from Starbright Drive to Skyloop Drive.

12 Treys Way from Blythewood Drive to Merriwood Drive.

13 Villa Oaks Circle from Bradsher Drive to end of Villa Oaks Circle.

14 Waycross Drive from Craigmont Drive to Eflournoy Drive.

15 **PART 2.** The City Council finds that the prima facie speed limit previously applicable to
16 the streets, or portions of streets, identified in Part 1 of this ordinance is unreasonable or
17 unsafe, and the reduction in speed limit on these streets will reduce the potential for
18 vehicle-pedestrian accidents.

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20 **PART 3.** The amendments made in this ordinance shall be incorporated in alphabetical
21 order and the existing subsections renumbered accordingly.

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PART 4. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2006.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2006

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Will Wynn
Mayor

APPROVED:

David Allan Smith
City Attorney

ATTEST:

Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk

